Community Radio Stations

539. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had suggested that community radio stations be allowed to generate revenue through advertisements and sponsored programmes to make it a frangible preposition;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Government had proposed several changes in the guidelines for community radio stations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The matter is under consideration by the Group of Ministers.

Constitution of Media Commission

540. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any announcement regarding constitution of a Media Commission;

(b) if so, what would be the broad outlines of this commission; and

(c) what would be the mutual relation between the earlier proposed Broadcasting Regulator and the Media Commission?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) to (c) The proposal and its various aspects are under examination.

Review of laws

541. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Law Commission has laid hands on and has identified provision of any Central laws where defaults in carrying out any statutory requirements entail no penalty or punishment;